



FRISTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Report from the meeting held 23rd May 2022 in the Village Hall

- 1. Report from the Chair of the Parish Council** – Cllr Caplin welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated how nice it was to have an Annual Parish meeting in person as last year was held via Zoom. He thanked his colleagues in the Parish Council and in particular Cllrs Mahony and Shipman for their work on the SPR opposition originally as members of SASES and now as Parish Cllrs. He also thanked the Parish Clerk for her work over the last year especially on the Swift newsletter. He asked residents to all work together to keep Friston safe in coming months by being aware of works connected with SPR, he suggested that residents should be aware of what's happening around them and to ensure that the right people knew what was happening in the village. He also addressed the unfortunate issue of dog fouling in the village. This appear mainly to be the fault of visitors and holiday makers so his suggestion was that a map of the dog bins could be given to all holiday homes. This will go on the Parish Council agenda for June.
- 2. Written report from Giles Hanglin** – There was no written report prior to the meeting. The Clerk will make any reports available when they arrive.
- 3. Report from SPR action group SASES** – Cllr Mahony gave an update on the SPR projects. Both EA1N and EA2 have been granted consent. The political climate made this almost certain with climate change, energy bills and the energy crisis. SASES have decided to seek judicial review on six grounds.
 - Flooding
 - Heritage
 - Noise
 - Cumulative Impact
 - Minimal amount of renewable energy actually generated
 - No proper consideration of alternativesSEAS have also sought judicial review on the prevention of land owners from taking part in the consultation.

Cllrs Shipman and Mahony are meeting with ESC Cllrs regarding the ongoing lack of communication from SPR, what are SPR's immediate plans as they can proceed despite judicial review proceedings, the details that now need to be agreed on all aspects of the projects and the enforcement procedure around this, this should not fall to residents and the Parish Council to police the development.

There is also a meeting with SCC on the 13th June regarding footpaths.

The Nautilus and Sealink projects are currently undertaking non statutory consultation. One of the options for these is on Blackheath land meaning the village will be encircled by development. There is also the new pylon line from Norfolk to Tilbury that travels through Suffolk that has been announced. Cllr Mahony stated it would be useful to know the National Grid masterplan and ultimate goals to be able to understand what the future holds.
- 4. Open Forum** – A resident gave details of the 'Defiant Friston' newsletter that will be accompanying the Swift this month. This gives details of the events planned for the summer including those for the Jubilee. They also requested whether there was any budget to cover some of the outlay for the Jubilee. They also mentioned the organisation of the Village Hall going forward.

Another resident mentioned the accompanying Jubilee picnic to accompany the beacon lighting on Thursday 2nd June. They also gave details of the Ladies Group that has started in the village. The next meeting is on the 9th June.

Another resident raised the problems with footpath 28 that runs behind the Mill in the village. It is badly overgrown and a fence is beginning to collapse. The Clerk agreed to contact the owner and then raise the matter with Highways if no action was taken.

The new landlord from the Old Chequers introduced himself and wanted to welcome everyone to the pub. They have worked with the group organising the Jubilee celebrations and are looking forward to being involved with the community in the future.

Another resident raised the issue of information for those who are struggling financially. The Clerk agreed to put any information in the Swift and on the Parish website when she is given it.

Thanks was given to the Parish Council and Clerk for their efforts over the last year.

- 5. Chair closing statements** – the Chair thanked everyone for attending and for the input at the meeting.